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| Interview Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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- (1) Kimberly N. McLean. (3)_____.
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Date of Interview: 23 August 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 6, 8-9 and 13-14.

Identification of prior art discussed: Matoba (USPN: 5,611,069).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Refer to the Attached After-Final Amendment Draft. The Examiner agreed that Matoba does not explicitly teach the front-end controller performing mirroring and striping of data. The Examiner did not agree, however, that the claims as amended are allowable. The Examiner indicated that an updated search would have to be conducted to determine if the amended claims are allowable.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

- i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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